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Evidence:

1 – Audio recording of interview with Ofc. Mercadefe. (Downloaded to the RPD audio server)

Assignment:

On November 18, 2014 I responded to 10479 Keller Ave. in the city and county of Riverside reference an officer involved shooting investigation. I was present for a briefing about this incident provided by Det. Williams of the PACT Team. Once the briefing was completed, I returned to CIB where I was tasked with conducting an interview with Ofc. Mercadefe. When the interview was done, I oversaw the charting of his duty weapon and back up weapon.

Investigation:

I met with and interviewed Ofc. Mercadefe in an office at CIB. Ofc. Mercadefe was dressed in a an RPD field uniform variation that included; his raid vest with his name, RPD cloth badge, the word "Police" on a tape strip on the front and the word "Police" in large letters on the back, black t-shirt, black cargo pants, black boots. He confirmed this was the same uniform he had been wearing at the time of the shooting.

This interview was audio recorded and what follows is a synopsis of that interview. The interview began at 1741 hrs and ended at 1802 hrs.

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W/Ofc. Mercadefe #1408:

Ofc. Mercadefe was assigned to the PACT Team at the time of this incident. His call sign was "PACT 10" and he was part of a two officer unit with Ofc. Arangure. Both officers used the designator "PACT 10" when out in the field. They were driving a black Ford Explorer (RPD unit #3405). This is not a marked police unit but does have red and blue lights and a siren that can be used to conduct traffic stops. Ofc. Mercadefe was driving, Ofc. Arangure was the front passenger.

Ofc. Mercadefe and members of the PACT Team were contacted by Det. Detmer of the RPD Narcotics Unit and advised of a subject who was known to be selling drugs and might be armed with a gun. This same subject was known to have a violent history. Det. Detmer asked for their help in locating and contacting this subject. Ofc. Mercadefe and members of the PACT Team took part in a brief about the subject which was provided by Det. Williams.

The subject was known to be driving a certain vehicle in a certain part of Riverside. A photo of the subject (later identified as S/Vicente Martinez) was circulated among the officers. Ofc. Mercadefe could not recall the name of the subject during the interview but recalled the subject's description as a Hispanic male adult, with a thin mustache, light skinned and around 200 pounds. Once the brief was completed, Ofc. Mercadefe and Ofc. Arangure were assigned to the area where Bushnell, Campbell and Norwood streets all come together. Their task was to watch for the suspect vehicle and conduct a traffic stop of it when it was seen.

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Soon after they arrived at their designated position, Ofc. Mercadefe heard over the radio from Det. Detmer that the vehicle was not at the residence where S/Martinez was thought to be. Officers were advised to drive around in the area to look for the vehicle described as a small gray truck.

A short time later, Det. Lomeli advised over the radio that he saw the vehicle in the area of Jones & Campbell. Ofc. Mercadefe and Ofc. Arangure began driving toward the area the vehicle was last seen when Ofc. Ortiz and Ofc. Adcox advised they were following the vehicle. Ofc. Mercadefe and Ofc. Arangure caught up with Ofc. Ortiz and Ofc. Adcox's unit which had its lights and siren activated as they followed after the gray truck. The truck was not driving at high speed as it traveled down Bushnell. Ofc. Mercadefe got a look at the driver of the vehicle at one point and saw he matched the photo he had seen of the suspect during the briefing. The driver was alone in the vehicle.

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The vehicle continued down Bushnell to a residence and a long driveway. The truck turned onto this driveway and then visibly picked up speed as it continued down the driveway. Ofc. Ortiz and Ofc. Adcox were behind the truck and Ofc. Mercadefe and Ofc. Arangure followed behind them. Ofc. Mercadefe recalled from the brief the suspect lived on Bushnell and he felt this might be the suspect's residence. This made the situation possibly more dangerous for the officers because the suspect was in an area with which he was familiar and the officers were not.

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The truck came to a stop and the driver exited the vehicle. Ofc. Mercadefe could see only part of the suspect from his vantage point because Ofc. Ortiz and his unit were partially blocking his view. Ofc. Ortiz was giving commands to the driver but what he was saying was not clear. Ofc. Mercadefe could not see the driver's hands. Out of nowhere, the driver turns and runs across the front of his truck heading south toward the house next to the driveway. Ofc. Ortiz and Ofc. Adcox turn and chase after the driver. Ofc. Mercadefe and Ofc. Arangure turn and run to help. The driver, Ofc. Ortiz and Ofc. Adcox jump over a perimeter fence and out of view. Ofc. Mercadefe followed after them and jumped the same fence.

As Ofc. Mercadefe came down on the other side of the fence, he heard several gunshots. The shots all sounded like they came from the same gun and from the direction where the driver and officers had been running. Ofc. Mercadefe thought he heard 5-7 gunshots in total. He did not see the shooting take place. He did not recall hearing any commands being given prior to the gunshots.

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Ofc. Mercadefe continued running to where he thought Ofc. Ortiz and Ofc. Adcox had run. As he came around the corner of the house they had run to, he saw Ofc. Ortiz and Ofc. Adcox standing apart from each other with an open stop to their left. Ofc. Ortiz was in a shooting stance with his weapon drawn and pointed toward the driver who was now on the ground. Ofc. Mercadefe stepped into this spot to help provide cover. As he stepped up, he heard Ofc. Ortiz giving commands to the driver on the ground ahead of them. Ofc. Ortiz pointed out the suspect's gun was to the right of them approximately 10 yards away.

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Ofc. Adcox moved up and handcuffed the driver, Ofc. Arangure took charge of the driver's handgun, Ofc. Ortiz kept lethal cover on the driver and Ofc. Mercadefe provided area security for the group of officers. The driver was positioned with his head away from the officers and his feet toward them, on his stomach with his left hand under his body. The officers called for medical aid and asked the home owner to open her rear gate so medical aid could get in the backyard as soon as they arrived.

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Ofc. Mercadefe estimated the time from when the driver ran from the car to when he heard gunshots was approximately 20-30 seconds. He estimated the distance they traveled from the traffic stop to the shooting scene was approximately 40-50 yards. Ofc. Mercadefe did not fire his weapon at any time during this incident. Ofc Mercadefe was not injured during this incident.

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Weapons Charting:

Once then interview was done, Ofc. Mercadefe and I went to the Evidence Unit where photos were taken of him in uniform and his weapons were charted. Ofc. Mercadefe had two weapons on him at the time of the incident. The first was his duty pistol, a .45 caliber handgun (Serial #NMZ11061) with one magazine inside of it and four additional magazines on his duty belt. None of his magazines were missing any rounds of ammunition and there was a live round in the chamber of this gun. He also carried a .38 caliber revolver as a backup. There were no missing or fired rounds from this weapon.

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